Mann Urges Rusk's Task Be Shared

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GREENCASTLE, Ind., May 29 (AP)—A top State Department official said today the job of Secretary of State has become so big that some arrangement should be made for delegation of some of his duties.

Thomas C. Mann, who retired last week as Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, made the suggestion in a speech at commencement exercises at Depauw University.

"It is no longer realistic to expect that any Secretary of State can personally manage our daily affairs with every country in the world," Mann said.

He suggested that Assistant Secretaries of State be given broader authority for decisions on affairs in their area. He said the question is "whether the American people in general and the Congress in particular will accept, with all that this implies, that the person in charge of the area is the one responsible for the area."

"If this could be done," he said, "all secretaries of state would be able to devote more of their limited time and energies to the great problems of war and peace, to coordinating and guiding the general direction of our foreign policy and performing his many duties which cannot be delegated."